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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY TO KABUL

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON NAIM AT HIS REQUEST ON JULY 15, HE SAID THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH ME IS YOUR PROSPECTIVE VISIT. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO YOUR COMING HERE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON THE MATTERS RAISED BY NAIM IN WASHINGTON. NAIM SAID ANY DATE IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST WOULD BE CONVENIENT. HE AND DAOUD HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAY LONGER THAN YOU DID ON YOUR FIRST VISIT IN 1974 BECAUSE HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE TALKS THIS TIME WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE IMPORTANT.

2. NAIM SAID THERE WILL BE NO LEAKS FROM HERE REGARDING YOUR PROSPECTIVE TRIP UNTIL THE TIMING AND FORM OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. HE SAID THAT ANY FORMULATION WHICH YOU PREFER REGARDING THE GENESIS OF YOUR VISIT HERE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, "UPON THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN" OR "UPON THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT DAOUD".

3. NAIM ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS APPRECIATION FOR HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AND HIS BEST PERSONAL WISHES. HE SAID

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DAOUD AS WELL AS HIMSELF IS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS

OF HIS TRIP IN TERMS OF STRENGTHENING AFGHAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

4. I TOLD NAIM THAT I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING YOUR TRAVEL PLANS BUT WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS SOON AS I HAVE INFORMATION TO CONVEY.

5. AS A FINAL POINT, NAIM REFERRED TO YOUR TELLING HIM WHILE HE WAS WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT YOU WOULD BE CONVEYING THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS WASHINGTON CONVERSATIONS TO THE SHAH. NAIM ASKED THAT THIS BE DONE IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD ASSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LEAKAGE. HE ADDED THAT WHEN HE TALKED TO THE SHAH FOR THE FIRST TIME SOON AFTER THE COUP WHICH BROUGHT DAOUD BACK TO POWER IN 1973, HE HAD ASKED THE SHAH TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO STRENGTHEN AFGHAN-US RELATIONS.
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